



FISHING DERBY 2005: Compete for prizes!

The 3rd Annual Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby is set to kick-off on Saturday, June 4 from 9 AM-12 PM. The event is designed to encourage children to try the sport of fishing.



Big Fish Winner
CJ Mazzen in 2002.

This year's event is open to children, ages 6-16, and all children must be registered by 5 PM on Friday, June 3. Come on out to the park with a fishing rod and bait, and test your skills as you try to catch

Small-Mouth Bass, Black Crappie, Catfish, and Bluegill. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories.

Children are required to do all the fishing;

parents can assist with baiting hooks, but cannot cast or reel in fish. Each fish will be measured and weighed during the event. This is a free event and a rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, June 11.



Fishing along the banks of Frogshackle Pond during the 2002 Fishing Derby.

You can download an application at Claude Moore Park's website (www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm) or you can stop by the Visitor Center to pick up an application.

Loudoun Jazz Ensemble to play Father's Day Concert at the Park!

Claude Moore Park is proud to announce that the **Loudoun Jazz Ensemble** will perform a **FREE Father's Day** concert at the park. The concert will be held in the historic area on Sunday, June 19 at 6 PM.

The Loudoun Jazz Ensemble (LJE) has become Loudoun County's premier big band jazz orchestra since its inception in 1997. Their music spans the spectrum from classics made famous by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Count Basie and Stan Kenton to current children's favorites like the "Theme From Sesame Street." Under

the direction of Roger Rossi, recently retired from a 33-year career with the U.S Army Blues Band, the LJE will take you on a kaleidoscopic journey with the swinging big band standards of the 30s and 40s through today's contemporary



sounds. This will be fun for the whole family.

Anyone interested in attending the concert should bring picnic chairs, blankets, and even a snack. Parking will be available at the Visitor Center on Old Vestal's Gap Rd., at the Farm Museum on Heritage Farm Lane, and at the Sportsplex parking lots on Loudoun Park Lane. Everyone will need to walk to the site; for special accommodations, please contact the park prior to the concert.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, Claude Moore Park would like to recognize a volunteer who donates much of his or her spare time for program assistance, special event help, or other projects as needed.



This month, we're recognizing **John Keith**. John lives in Sterling, VA and has been volunteering at the park since 1991.

John has worn many hats for the park. He's led bird walks and natural history hikes, assisted students in Frogshackle Nature Center, and staffed special events. Since he started volunteering here, he's also served on the board of the Friends of Claude Moore Park, formerly known as the Lanesville Heritage Preservation Society. John is

currently serving as the Vice-President.

Most recently, John started a gardening project around the park's historic property, the Lanesville House. He also assisted park staff with the protocol for taking paint samples in the historic house so that they could be analyzed prior to the painting of the house. And he also helped to serve food during the reenactor's dinner at the 250th Commemoration of the French & Indian War event in April. John's other hobbies include traveling, birding, flower gardening, and playing piano.

If you would like to become a volunteer, contact us at 703-444-1275.

Upcoming special events or programs that you don't want to miss!

Claude Moore Park is hosting a **Civil War Bus Trip** focusing on the "**Gateway to the Shenandoah**" which will be held on Saturday, June 11. This trip will go by way of Ashby's Gap into the Shenandoah Valley, with stops in Paris, Mt. Carmel Church, and Millwood. See Jackson's October 1862 headquarters, the site where Mosby attempted to negotiate his surrender, and the Old Chapel and its cemetery. Next, visit White Post to learn about its Civil War significance. Then go by way of Berryville to return to the park via Snicker's Gap. #361749.



Can you believe that July is just around the corner? Well, if you're looking for a place to go to celebrate the 4th, join Claude Moore Park for its family-friendly **Ol' Time 4th of July Celebration** on Monday, July 4th from 10:30 AM-3 PM. You'll be able to take a pony ride, enjoy a wagon ride, participate in a pie-eating contest, and play old-fashioned children's games. Festival-goers can also see the "Reptiles Alive" show with snakes, lizards, turtles, and more! The Reptiles Alive Zoo will also be on-site for first-hand encounters with live reptiles! There



will also be hands-on nature displays at Frogshackle Nature Center, tours of the historic Lanesville Ordinary, and displays by the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Don't forget the craft tent where kids can make some crafts to take home! Please use the Loudoun Park Lane entrance and park at the Farm Museum or in the Sportsplex. The entrance fee is \$5/carload; all activities are free.

Does your 2nd-5th grader have an interest in the natural world? If so, think about the park's **Pioneer Camp** for exploring those interests. Pioneer Camp will be held June 20-24 from 9 AM-3 PM each day. Campers will learn skills used by the pioneers as they pushed westward over Virginia's mountains. Campers will cook authentic foods like doughboys over an open fire! They'll make real butter too. Park woodlands, meadows and wetlands will be explored as campers search for food like blackberries and mulberries! Campers will also learn to make a shelter using natural materials. Registration is open now for this camp and the fee is \$200/camper for the entire week.



For more info., please contact the park at 703-444-1275.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity in 2005, Claude Moore Park has the project for you!

First, you can also volunteer by joining the *Friends of Claude Moore Park Advisory Board*. This 501c3 volunteer group supports the park's events, staff, and programs through many avenues. This group has done fundraising, event staffing, and advocacy with local government. **The next meeting of the Friends of Claude Moore Park is June 1 at 7 PM at the Visitor Center in the park.** Please join us for a meeting to see what the group is all about!

Second, *Claude Moore Park is recruiting volunteers to become docents* for the Lanesville House, the park's historic property. A docent is a specially-trained

volunteer who provides tours and historical interpretation to the public. We're looking for docents with a love of history to volunteer as a way to ensure that the house remains open to the public. Special training will be available. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us. We are gearing up for 2005 events and would love to have you as a part of our volunteer team!



Lanesville House decorated for the holidays in December of 2004.

Event Photos from the past month!



Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy entertains visitors at the park's Nature Discovery Day on May 7.



Bob Gleason and Karen Kolosvary, members of the Friends of CMP, paint the Lanesville House.



Steel beams are moved into place for the Claude Moore Recreation Center on May 27, 2005.



Approximately 1,000 people enjoyed the Mother's Day concert by the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own."

Calling all Arts & Crafts Vendors

Do you make and sell jewelry? Do you carve wood and sell your carvings? Do you sculpt pottery and sell your wares? If so, then Claude Moore Park is looking for you. The park is hosting the 1st Annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

Claude Moore Park is approximately 30 miles from Washington, DC and Frederick, MD, in the heart of Northern Virginia's shopping district, and close to Route 7, the Capital Beltway, the Dulles Greenway, and Route 28.



This outdoor show will run 10 AM-4 PM; vendors will be allowed to set-up starting at 7:30 AM. Event clean-up will run from 4:15-7:30 PM. For \$20, vendors will be provided with an assigned 10 x 10 area; vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and tents. This event will be held rain or shine. Vendors will be able to park at their selling location. LIMITED electricity is available for \$10; at this time, the park is limiting electricity to food vendors.

Spaces will be pre-assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. A final confirmation packet will be sent two weeks prior to the show detailing directions, a park map, and grounds information including each vendor's location. Admission to the public is FREE.

Please visit www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm and go to the park's special event section; vendors can download an application from this site. **At the time of printing of this newsletter edition, there are approximately 20 spaces remaining! Sign up today to become part of this great event!**